

COST TO PACKERS

Approximate cost per day to the packers of the beef trial, just beginning and expected to continue until late into the spring:

Attorneys' fees	\$14,000
Investigators, special agents	500
Stenographers	100
Other expenses	150

Total

\$14,750

Expenses estimated for the eight years in which the packers have been fighting to keep out of court:

Attorneys' fees	\$3,500,000
Investigators	225,000
Stenographers	10,000
Traveling expenses ...	10,000
Assistants and clerks to lawyers	30,000

Total

\$3,775,000

PEACE ARBITRATION BEATEN ALL HOLLOW

Monster labor meetings in France and Germany are, with government aid, making a most distinguished martyr of Gustave Herve, editor of the Paris paper "La Guerre Sociale." Monsieur Herve, you see, has been preaching and writing things that no government which "reduces" industrial disturbances by making bakers, barbers, stevedores and garbage men of its soldiers can afford to stand.

In truth, Monsieur Herve has got Taft, Andy Carnegie and the Hague conferees beaten to a standstill on peace propaganda, by advocating that war be killed

by the soldiers going on strike.

He figures it out that if the plain folk wont fight, there wont be any war, which is surely a cruel proposition to place before gun manufacturers, uniform makers, food contractors and business interests concerned in protection of holdings in foreign parts acquired by conquest or slick diplomacy. Trusts in African rubber, fine woods, wool, etc., for instance, must have stiff backing and soldiers are cheap, when the people support them.

His sort of economic heresy has kept Gustave doing his editorial work in jail during the greater part of the past four years. Whenever a government minister has desired to establish a standing with the business interests for having much "backbone," he has clapped Gustave in jail.

He is now inside, but, somehow, his idea that the way of the people to avoid war is to refuse to fight has filtered outside and a magnificent number of the folks are singing his song, "In case of war we will not march." It is wonderful how a simple little idea will sometimes take hold.

Supreme court of Wisconsin rules that false teeth are not a luxury but a necessity and a husband is legally bound to furnish them to his wife, if she needs them. If she throws them at him and they break, must he pay for a new set?

Tough luck to be so built that you can make up as Santa Claus,